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Title: Laser Oscillator And Light Scattering
Particle Detector Using The Same

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

In connection with the referenced application, patentee respectfully requests a refund in the amount of \$86.00, to be credited to Deposit Account 50-0744 in the name of patentee's undersigned representative, Carrier, Blackman & Associates, P.C. The reason for requesting refund is as follows.

The application, as filed on 24 January 2002 and incorporating Preliminary Amendment-A, contained the following claims with their respective dependencies (I = independent claim; X = cancelled claim):

<u>claim, dependency</u>	<u>claim, dependency</u>	<u>claim, dependency</u>	<u>claim, dependency</u>
1 I	6 on 2	11 X	16 X
2 I	7 I	12 X	17 on 14
3 on 2	8 on 7	13 on 10	
4 X	9 on 8	14 on 10	
5 X	10 I	15 on 14	

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The claim totals were: 12 total 4 independent.

The fourth independent claim was paid for by way of a \$84.00 charge to Deposit Account 50-0744 that posted on 13 March 2002:

Amendment-B, filed on 27 June 2003, changed the claims to:

<u>claim, dependency</u>	<u>claim, dependency</u>	<u>claim, dependency</u>	<u>claim, dependency</u>
1 I	6 on 2	11 X	16 X
2 I	7 I	12 X	17 on 14
3 on 2	8 on 7	13 on 10	18 I
4 X	9 on 8	14 I	19 on 18
5 X	10 I	15 on 14	

The new claim totals were: 14 total 6 independent.

The fifth and sixth independent claims were paid for by way of a \$168.00 check (#FB2359) dated 25 June 2003 that was cashed on 02 July 2003.

Amendment-C, filed on 24 December 2003, changed the claims to:

<u>claim, dependency</u>	<u>claim, dependency</u>	<u>claim, dependency</u>	<u>claim, dependency</u>
1 I	6 on 2	11 X	16 X
2 I	7 I	12 X	17 on 14
3 on 2	8 on 7	13 on 10	18 I
4 X	9 on 8	14 I	19 on 18
5 X	10 I	15 on 14	20 on 2
			21 on 2

The new claim totals were: 16 total 6 independent.

There were no additional claim fees due.

Amendment-D, filed on 13 May 2004, changed the claims to:

<u>claim, dependency</u>	<u>claim, dependency</u>	<u>claim, dependency</u>	<u>claim, dependency</u>
1 I	6 on 2	11 X	16 X
2 I	7 I	12 X	17 on 14
3 on 2	8 on 7	13 on 10	18 I
4 X	9 on 8	14 I	19 on 18
5 X	10 I	15 X	20 X
			21 X

The new claim totals were: 13 total 6 independent.

There were no additional claim fees due.

Nevertheless, the Patent Office charged \$86.00 to Deposit Account 50-0744 on 24 May 2004 for one more independent claim in excess of three. As detailed above, however,

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payment for all independent claims in excess of three (a total of 3) has already been made. The 24 May 2004 charge of \$86.00 to Deposit Account 50-0744, therefore, is in error.

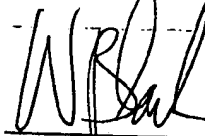
The Examiner's Amendment filed 18 June 2004 did not amend claims. The patent issued with 13 total claims, 6 independent among them.

Based on the presented argument, patentee respectfully requests that the Patent Office refund the \$86.00 fee collected on 24 May 2004 to Deposit Account 50-0744 in the name of patentee's undersigned representative. Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested. A duplicate copy of this Request For Refund is enclosed.

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